

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Legislature created the Minnesota Highway Patrol in 1929 with an

initial force of nine men; and

WHEREAS: Today, 616 men and women serve as Minnesota State Troopers, providing assistance,

education, and enforcement while delivering safe, efficient movement of traffic on

Minnesota's roadways; and

WHEREAS: State Troopers serve in many roles, such as investigating serious crashes, conducting

flight patrols and search and rescue missions, assisting other law enforcement agencies, and functioning as a vital component of the state's homeland security efforts; and

WHEREAS: State Troopers are supported by 256 non-sworn personnel; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Patrol is dedicated to making our highways safer by working

tirelessly to prevent tragedies from occurring on our roadways; and

WHEREAS: State Troopers take an oath to lay down their lives rather than swerve from the path of

duty; and

WHEREAS: The State Patrol, recognizing the hundreds of families who have lost loved ones in traffic

crashes, focuses on the mission of traffic safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, August 27, 2018, as:

## MINNESOTA STATE PATROL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August.

GOVERNOR

